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Docket No.: 21414 US (C038435/0186340)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Tatsuo HOSHINO *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/528,846

Filed: February 9, 2006

For: **PRODUCTION OF CANTHAXANTHIN  
BY PHAFFIA**

Examiner: I. H. Chowdhury

Art Unit: 1652

New York, New York  
May 7, 2007

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING  
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before May 7, 2007, because May 5, 2007 fell on a Saturday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7, 1.8, and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Amendment Dated: May 7, 2007  
Reply to Office Action Dated: December 5, 2006

Please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 5 of this paper.